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## THE GRANGE

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Grange

### A GRANGE OF 800 MEMBERS.

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Wolcott (N. Y.) grange enjoys the rare distinction of having 800 members on its roll. Wolcott is a village of only about 1,300 population, but the surrounding country has been worked over and over, and nearly every farmer and farmer's wife is numbered as a member. F. R. Pierson has recently been elected for his second term as its



F. R. PIERSON.  
[Master of Wolcott  
grange.]

master, and its present secretary, Mrs. J. H. L. Roe, has been elected for her twenty-third successive term. The grange was organized Sept. 8, 1875, with thirty-one charter members. Twenty-two of them are now living, and eighteen are still members of Wolcott grange. From its very beginning Wolcott grange has had a substantial growth, owing largely to the activity of a few of its members and its central location, having four townships of Wayne county to draw from. Although it has granted demits to forty-six members and death and suspensions have claimed many more, nevertheless it has attained the proud distinction of being the largest grange in the United States. It does not change its officers very frequently. It has had only eleven masters and three secretaries.

Wolcott grange makes a special feature of its literary work and has an annual printed programme containing also a list of the officers and of the entire membership. It also gives special attention to the social features of the grange. It holds an occasional grange fair, and once a year a farmers' institute is held under its auspices.

#### The Grange in Politics.

There needs to be a word of warning passed along the line that the grange must keep its hands off partisan politics and keep politics out of the grange or its influence is gone. Those who are not its friends would be only too glad to see the Order interested in partisan political feuds and contests. We have a very strong notion that an official of a state or the national grange should never become a candidate for any important office so long as he holds such official position. We commend the following resolution adopted by the Connecticut state grange recently to every other state organization:

Resolved, That the state grange of Connecticut, loyal to its past record, will ever hold itself aloof from all partisan politics and will strenuously oppose any action that will tend to array any one class of our citizens against any other. The honor, good name and prosperity of the good old state of Connecticut are of more importance than any individual or class interests, and we hereby pledge our adherence to it.

That resolution has the right ring! It is worthy of ratification by every state grange in the Union.

#### The Grange Develops Talent.

One advantage of the grange is to develop talent. Many a farmer, until he joins the grange and has taken part in its literary and educational work, finds it difficult to speak five minutes on an assigned topic in any public meeting

with any degree of interest to his hearers. He had not before believed that he could write a paper on any subject that would be worth the reading. As one farmer said, "I would rather hitch up and drive a mile to carry information than write one postal card." But in the grange he finds opportunity to formulate his ideas into words, and often there is found to be rare worth in what he has to say. The grange educates in many ways. It helps men to know themselves.

#### A Remarkable Fact.

New Hampshire grangers are very nearly equally divided as to sex. The total membership in the state is 26,800—13,631 men and 13,669 women. The gains for the year are: By initiation, 3,108; by demit, 339; reinstatement, 378; charter members, 242; total, 4,067.

At the recent Illinois state grange meeting Hon. Oliver Wilson of Magnolia was re-elected master for the ensuing term. Mr. Thomas Kelley of Dunlap was renominated for secretary, but, having served in that capacity for twenty-five years, declined re-election.

There was never such a demand for grange literature and never so many newspapers running grange departments as now. The membership is increasing so rapidly that publishers find it good business policy to use at least a column of grange matter each week.

Fredonia (N. Y.) grange held its thirty-fifth annual election recently. It was the first grange organized in the state of New York, or in the world, for that matter. Mr. U. E. Dodge, who was elected lecturer, was the first master of this grange.

Fruitland grange of Delaware is "the mother of masters," as it were. It has furnished three masters for the state grange and more are in training.

Pennsylvania added 5,000 new members to its roll of Patrons. This year State Master Hill asks for 7,000.

#### Grange Center of Communication.

The Pennsylvania state grange has established a medium of exchange between the producer and consumer of surplus products. The work is in charge of S. B. Day of Washington, Pa., who has received many hundreds of letters from Patrons all over the state. It is intended to publish an exchange bulletin which will contain a list of all the wants and for sale articles reported to the committee.

This bulletin will be published as often as necessary, and a copy of each issue will be mailed to every subordinate grange in the state. After being read in the grange meetings it will be posted up in the halls for the benefit of all. The name and address of each person having anything to sell or desirous of purchasing any special articles will appear in the list, so that buyers and sellers may communicate directly with each other. The bulletin will be published by the state grange.

#### The Lecturer's Work.

The systematic organization of the lecturer's work in the Michigan state grange has given a practical value to the educational influence of the grange never possessed before. So says the Michigan Farmer. And what is true of the work in Michigan may be and should be true of the lecturer's work in every state. There is now a lack of systematic effort in many states, and this tends to lessen the influence and minimize the results of grange work.

Mr. B. B. Lord, the husband of Mrs. Elizabeth Lord, lecturer of New York state grange, died Jan. 19 at Sinclairville, N. Y. He was a noted breeder of fine stock and a public spirited citizen. He was a member of Sinclairville grange of Chautauqua county.